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OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

ROARING RIVER CHURCH, WILKES COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 25th and 26th, 1895.

WILLIAM MILES,
Moderator.

J. H. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

The next session will meet with Bethany Church, two and one-half miles east of Round Mountain Post Office on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1895.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 25th, 1895.

Met pursuant to adjournment of last year. After prayer by Elder B. Woodruff, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder I. W. Landreth from Thessalonians the 5th chapter and 13th verse, "And be in peace among yourselves."

1st. After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the church and was called to order by singing and prayer by Elder W. B. Wyatt, from the Mountain Union Association

2nd. Called for Associational Letters, when twelve were handed in and read by the Clerk. All the churches within our bounds being represented.

3rd. On motion, extended our invitation for newly constituted churches, when the Delegates from Friendship Church, Surry County, came forward and handed in a letter and was gladly received and seated with us.

4th. By the request of the Moderator, Elder I. W. Landreth from the Little River Association and Elder W. B. Wyatt from the Mountain Union Association, acted as tellers, who reported Elder Wm. Miles, Moderator, and J. H. Johnson, Clerk. Report received and brethren discharged.

5th. On motion, invited correspondents Elders A. McKnight, I. W. Landreth, R. K. Johnson, and Brothers Wiley Combs, Martin Brinegar and F. M. Osborn from the Little River Association; Elders W. B. Wyatt, M. E. Simcox and Brother H. K. Wagoner from the Mountain Union Association, and Elder W. A. Woodruff from the Blue Ridge Association came forward with letters and Minutes, who were gladly received and given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us, and asked to aid in counsel.

6th. On motion, invited transients, when Brothers Alexander Richardson, Micah Edwards, J. H. Pruitt, and Elder S. F. Brown from the Little River Association accepted seats.

7th. On motion, invited visitors from independent churches. None present.

8th. On motion, authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

9th. Appointed Brothers J. M. Gentry, Meredith Harreld.

Abner Cordell with the delegates of this church a committee on the ministry.

10th. Appointed Elder W. F. Porter to write a Corresponing Letter to the Little River Association ; Brother M. T. Hutchinson to the Blue Ridge Association, and Brother G. W. Miles to Mountain Union Association.

11th. Appointed Elders W. F. Gregory, Eli Sebastian, W. F. Porter, Brothers L. W. Holbrook, S. Gentry and Austin Gertry Committee on Arrangements, and invited the Moderator, Clerk and Corresponding Brethren to seats with them.

12th. Appointed Brothers Aaron Felts, W. M. Harreld and Gus Cooper, Committee on Finance.

13th. On motion, we retain Elder W. F. Gregory, Brothers M. F. Walker and J. M. Brown as Committee on Obituaries for the ensuing year.

14th. Appointed Brothers J. M. Brown, Tyre Holbrook and Elder B. Woodruff, Committee on Sabbath Schools.

15th. Committee on Ministry reported for Saturday : 1st Elder W. A. Woodruff from the Blue Ridge Association ; 2nd. Elder W. B. Wyatt from Mountain Union Association.

16th. Appointed Brothers J. H. Johnson, G. W. Miles and Alexander Gentry, Committee on Intemperance.

17th. Appointed Brothers J. W. Brooks, M. F. Walker and Elder B. Woodruff, Committee on Resolutions.

18th. On motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder M. E. Simcox. Benedition by Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 26th, 1895.

Met according to adjournment of yesterday, and was called to order by singing "Once More, Oh Lord, We Meet, &c." Prayer by Elder R. K. Johnson.

1st. Clerk called the roll of delegates and marked absentees

2nd. The Clerk read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

3rd. On motion, called on Committee of Arrangements to report, who reported. Report received and committee discharged.

4th. On motion, agreed to take up the items as they stand on Bill of Arrangements.

5th. On motion, extended an invitation to transients. None present.

6th. On motion, called on the Corresponding brethren to report, who reported satisfactory and was discharged

7th. Called on the brethren who were appointed to write Corresponding Letters to report. Report received and the Brethren discharged.

8th. Appointed Elder W. F. Porter, Brothers J. M. Brown and J W. Brooks as Correspondents to the Mountain Union Association; Elder W. F. Gregory, Brothers L. Wood, Abner Cordell and M. F. Richardson to the Blue Ridge Association; Elders W. F. Porter, B. Woodruff, Wm. Miles, W. F. Gregory, J O. Wood, Brothers J. H. Johnson, Noah Waddell, J. T. Holbrook and J. M. Gentry to the Little River Association.

9th. On motion, called on Committee on Obituaries to report who reported one, that of Bother Sam Mickle.

10th. Called on Committee on Ministry to report, who reported for Sabbath: 1st. R. K. Johnson; 2nd. I. W. Landreth. 3rd A. McKnight. Report received and committee disaharged.

11th. Called on Finance Committee to report, who reported received from the different churches, $9.72. Report received and committee discharged.

12th. On motion, granted Bethel Church a Letter of Dismission by the request of her delegates.

13th. Called on Committee on Sabbath Schools to report, who reported the following: "We believe Sabbath Schools were taught and practiced by Jesus Christ himself, and we belive that it is to the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom here on earth and there is no better way to train up the rising generation than reading the Bible in Sabbath Schools. We urge it upon our churches to organize Sabbath Schools, and to take the Bible for the manner of our council and we hope that all the brethren will unite in the work. We know that the future destiny of Christianity rests upon the rising generation, and Paul says 'train up a child in the way it should go and when it gets old it will not depart from it.'"

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Brown,
J. T. Holbrook, } Committee.
B. Woodruff,

14th. Called for Intemperance report. We, your Committee on Intemperance, beg lief to submit the following: "Intemperance is immoderate indulgence in whatever would corrupt good morals or impede the progress of Christian prosperity. This subject might cover a broad field, but as we believe the duties of all christians are plainly taught in the Scriptures, we refer you

to this sacred volume as the great criterion by which the people of God should be governed along the line of intemperance.

The liquor traffic is doubtless the greatest evil among the elements which make up Intemperance, and should be guarded against by all Christian people.

J. H. JOHNSON,
G. W. MILES, } Committee.
A. W. GENTRY,

15th. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report, who reported: "Resolved, That we now return our heart-felt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community, for their kind hospitality during this session.

F. M. WALKER,
B. WOODRUFF, } Committee.
J. W. BROOKS,

16th. On motion, we as an advisor of counsel, advise our churches to limit church letters of dismission to six months, and if not deposited with some church within said time, that the church that granted it, call it in.

17th. Appointed Union Meetings. 1st. At Roaring River Church, 4th Saturday in August, 1896. Elders Wm. Miles, W. F. Gregory, B. Woodruff and W. J. Combs to attend.

2nd. At Oak Level, 3rd Saturday in August, 1896. Elders B. Woodruff, Wm. Miles and J. O. Wood to attend.

3rd. At Round Hill, 2nd Saturday in August, 1896. Elders Wm. Miles, W. F. Gregory, W. J. Combs and B. Woodruff to attend.

4th. At Liberty Knob, 3rd Saturday in July, 1896. Elders W. J. Combs, B. Woodruff and S. F. Brown to attend.

5th. At Friendship, 2nd Saturday in December, 1895. Elders J. O. Wood, W. F. Gregory and B. Woodruff to attend.

6th. At Zion, 4th Saturday in September, 1896. Elders W. F. Porter, Eli Sebastian, Wm. Miles, W. F. Gregory and J. O. Wood to attend.

7th. At Elkin Valley, 4th Saturday in November, 1895. Elders B. Woodruff, J. O. Wood, W. F. Gregory to attend.

8th. At Round Mountain, 1st Saturday in August, 1896. Elders B. Woodruff, W. F. Gregory, W. F. Porter and J. O. Wood to attend.

18th. On motion, appointed the next Association to convene with Bethany Church, two and a half miles East of Round Mountain postoffice, to commence on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day

in October, 1896. Elder W. F. Gregory to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Wm. Miles, Alternate.

19th. We, as a religious denomination, set apart the 5th Sabbath in December, 1895, as a day of fasting and prayer, and advise all our church members to meet in their respective churches on that day and spend it in devotion to the great I AM.

20th. On motion, appointed the Clerk, Treasurer, and to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and allow him the remainder of the contribution, after the expenses of printing are defrayed.

21st. On motion, we now adjourn to the time and place appointed for the next Association. Prayer by Elder W. J. Combs. Benediction by the Moderator Thus ends one of the most harmonious sessions of this Association. May the God of peace abound among us.

ELDER WM. MILES, Moderator.

J. H. JOHNSON, Clerk.

SABBATH MORNING, October 27th, 1895.

Services were opened by reading the 13th chapter of Ezekial and prayer by Elder Wm. Miles. First sermon was delivered by Elder R. K. Johnson from St. John, 1st chapter and 17th verse, "For the law was given by Moses but grace and truth come by Jesus Christ." Second sermon by Elder I. W. Landreth from 31st Psalms and 9th verse, "Have mercy on me, oh, Lord, for I am in trouble." Third by Elder A. McKnight from Matthew 19th chapter and 16th verse, "And behold one came and said unto him good Master, what shall I do to inherit Eternal Life?" Elder W. J. Combs gave a short exhortation and asked the brethren and sisters to give him their hands, and many were made to feel that they would meet one day when they would never part again. God be with us all till we meet again.

OBITUARY.

SAMUEL MICKEL was instantly killed by a falling tree, July 31st, 1895. He was in this sin-stricken world for 49 years and 23 days. He had been a member of Elkin Valley Church from the time of its constitution. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn their loss.

W. F. GREGORY, Chairman of Committee.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

BETHANY.—D. Wood, J. O. Wood, J. E. Blackburn.

BETHEL.—D. S. Elledge.

ELKIN VALLEY.—O. L. Darnall, Elder B. Woodruff, C. A. Cooper, M. F. Willard.

LIBERTY KNOB.—Elder Wm. Miles, M. F. Royal, J. W. Brooks, G. W. Miles, J. W. Royal.

OAK LEVEL.—G. W. Jordan, James Cockerham, Matthew Gentry.

RACHEL.—Wilaford Privett, James Dimmette, John Crabb, Thomas Billings.

ROUND HILL.—M. F. Richardson, S. Gentry, N. Waddell, S. Hanks, Charles Pruitt.

ROUND MOUNTAIN.—W. F. Gregory, Aaron Felts, L. Wood, A. Cordell.

ROARING RIVER.—D. L. McBride, L. W. Holbrook, J. T. Holbrook, S. M. Johnson, J. M. Brown.

WHITE OAK.—J. H. Johnson, J. W. Woodruff, Sam Hanks, M. F. Walker.

ZION.—W. F. Porter, J. M. Harreld, Eli Sebastian, M. T. Hutchinson, W. M. Harreld.

FRIENDSHIP.—J. M. Gentry, A. B. Woodruff, Austin Gentry, W. A. Gentry.

Statistical Table.

Churches.	Pastors and Their Postoffice Address.	Clerks and Their Postoffice Address.	Saturdays.	Baptized.	By Letter.	By Application	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Number.	Contributions.
Bethany	J. M. Owen and Eli Sebatian, Round Mountain, N. C.	W. H Cothren, Round Mountain, N. C.	4	..	3	..	3	1			54	.60
Bethel	J. W. Brooks, Wiles, N. C.	John Elledge, Wiles, N. C.	3	2	4	1	1	1			21	.30
Elkin Valley	W. F. Gregory, Round Mountain, N. C., B. Woodruff, Elkin, N. C.	O. L. Darnall, Elkin, N. C.	4	..	..	..		2		1	33	.60
Liberty Knob	William Miles, Laurel Branch, N. C.	W. F. Royal, Laurel Branch, N. C.	3	..	1	..		3	1		35	.60
Oak Level	Eli Sebastian, Round Mountain, N. C.	G. W. Jordan, Lomax, N. C.	3	..	1	..					17	.70
Rachel	J. M. Owen, Eli Sebastian, Round Mountain, N. C.	Williford Privett, Burcham, N. C.	1	..	..	..				2	48	.67
Round Hill	William Miles, Laurel Branch, N. C., G. Cothren, Lomax, N. C.	M. F. Richardson, Dockery, N. C.	2	..	..	..		2			60	.75
Round Mountain	W. F. Gregory, Round Mountain, N. C.	H. A. Adams, Round Mountain, N. C.	1	..	1	..				1	87	1.05
Roaring River	William Miles, Laurel Branch, N. C.	J. T. Holbrook, Traphill, N. C.	4	1	..	..		3	1	1	104	1.10
White Oak	A McKnight, Cherry Lane, N. C.	J. H. Johnson, Parks, N. C.	4	10	..	..		14			44	1.40
Zion	J. M. Owen and Eli Sebastian, Round Mountain, N. C.	W. M. Harreld, Viands, N. C.	4	..	2	2		2		1	50	.85
Friendship	B. Woodruff, Elkin, N. C., A. McKnight, Cherry Lane, N. C.	J. M. Gentry, Mosley, N. C.	2	..	..	..					14	1.00
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